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# **Editor's Message**

Christmas 1991. It's here, like it or not.

Since so much has been happening, and since I haven't written anything since our August issue, I thought it high time I let everyone know what's happening here at the *AGLP*.

Most importantly, a few new names will be popping up in the pages of *AGLP*.

Dianne McMahon returns this month with a profile of A Woman's Place Bookstore. Dianne will be covering newsworthy people and events in Calgary on a regular basis.

From Edmonton, J. Tyler MacCrimmon joined us last month, and promises to appear again in the near future with articles of interest from Edmonton.

Also from Edmonton, Matthew Hays joins us this month with an interview with Delwin Vriend, and we hope to see more from Matt in the near future.

Calgary's Peter DeGroot bursts upon the AGLP scene this month with a review of gay and lesbian books and novels available at bookstores and libraries across Alberta. Peter's column will appear monthly, with topics ranging from non-fiction to the ever-popular Savage Sailor.

Over the next year, a team of people from our community will be planning an aggressive fundraising campaign to purchase a new computer system which will speed up our production process and help us meet our monthly deadlines.

A fundraising campaign has been taking place over the past three months, andhas included a call for donations from our readers, Charity bingoes at TRAX,



and an October benefit at Boystown which have all helped us meet our operating budget and catch up on a few bills.

While we are catching up, we will have to continue fundraising in our community as the advertising and direct revenue from the magazine only meet about seventy per cent of our costs.

The suggestion I hear the most from people in our community is that we should charge a dollar for the magazine to increase our revenue. Unfortunately, this idea failed miserably with *Modern Pink Magazine*, and I feel the situation would be no different with *AGLP*.

When we had donation boxes attached to magazine racks, we spent more money replacing broken or destroyed cash boxes than we ever made from those donations. As well, since the magazine went free, our circulation has quadrupled, and in this business, circulation is everything. As such, we will continue to be free, but my mind

boggles at the thought of each one of our readers sending in just a few dollars to help us out.

To end off, and to close for 1991, I want to send a very big thank you to Joey Sayer, Corinne Stearns, Paul Harris, Jude Stewart and everyone who helps out with production and layout each month; all of our advertisers and subscribers; Ken Annebo and the many talented performers who held a benefit for us on October 6 (your efforts will not soon be forgotten); and especially everyone who has sent in a donation over the past three months.

Without the talent and charity of these generous people, and especially without the loyalty of our readers, *AGLP* would not be here today!

On behalf of all of us who bring you AGLP, I wish you a very merry Christmas, and a happy and gay New Year.

Iim McMullin

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor.

Re: Calgary's Network '91 Conference A Success (AGLP, November '91)

If "success" is relative to the morality of the organizing committee, then the statement "to promote lesbian and organizations, businesses and individuals and to enhance and develop a positive gay and lesbian identity" is only relative to the chosen few allowed to participate in the conference.

The one success they have proven is that predjudice still exists among our own community. Ignorance and misinformation won out over the inclusion of a "gay organization" whose main purpose is "to enhance develop a positive gay and lesbian identity".

Decisons were made without even contacting [a particular] organization for a meeting, interview, or a statement philosophy; yet this organization has raised or participated in raising over \$10,000 for local groups and AIDS foundations in its first year of existence.

This group asked for and was denied a booth, because of fear of visibility (even though deadlines were met). And I thought the conference was about visibility and diversity.

As a gay community we struggle against discrimination and we are making small but significant strides, so I am very disappointed when organization whose membership is larger than the attendants to the conference is denied access by organizers who moralize their decisions. It's unfortunate that diversity is only given lip service once a year at the pride rally.

Since next year's conference is titled "Pride and Prejudice" it would seem fitting that this "organization" be included in the weekend's events. Perhaps a workshop on the "Fear, no, The Pride of Visibility" would be appropriate.

> Don Bastian Mr Northwest Drummer '91

(Editors Response: The facts as you have presented them seem to indicate discrimination on the part of the Calgary Networking Club against an organization which we assume to be CLUB Calgary. However, it also seems possible that CNC's reasons for CLUB Calgary's exclusion from the Network '91 conference could differ from your understanding. May we suggest that this issue may best be addressed in a forum between the presidents of the organizations in question? We feel this type of discussion can and will promote cooperation and be mutually beneficial for the larger gay community.)

Dear Editor.

Refuse To Be Silent is a group of men and women of all ages, races, sexual orientations and ethnic backgrounds who are dedicated to combating racist and neo-Nazi thought and action in Alberta.

Refuse To Be Silent was formed to challenge the recent surge in racist and neo-Facist activity in Through anti-racist education campaigns and by attempting to frustrate neo-Facist groups from organizing in the province, Refuse To Be Silent hopes to accomplish two main goals: first, to prevent the proliferation of racist organizations and second to immunize the next generation from neo-Facist "ideologies".

Refuse To Be Silent members devote their time to maintaining a

Canada-wide database on ultraright wing organizations individuals in order to anticipate and challenge their attempts to expand.

Although Refuse To Be Silent believes confrontation is the only effective means of containing fascism in Canada, Refuse To Be Silent tries to avoid violence whenever possible. Rather, Refuse To Be Silent adheres to a policy of "group self-defence", responding with violence only when a member of the group is directly threatened.

Refuse To Be Silent is not a group of armed thugs looking to take "terminal action" against neo-Fascists, nor is it controlled by the police. The Jewish Defence League. B'nai Brith or any other group with a set political agenda. The only unifying factor among members is oppositon to racism, homophobia and other oppressive results of neo-Fascists. Refuse To Be Silent itself has no political stance or affiliation other than combating racism.

If you are interested in getting more information on our group, or have information on ultra-right wing groups in Canada, please feel free to write us at: Refuse To Be Silent Baker Centre Postal Outlet 10025 - 106 Street Box 40051 **Edmonton AB** T5I 4M9

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All letters are subject to editing for brevity and editors discretion. Please keep letters short; typed or neatly handwritten. AGLP reserves the right to reject letters of a slanderous, sexist, racist homophobic nature.

#### Fired from his job at Edmonton's King's College;

# An Interview with Delwyn Vriend One Year Later

By Matthew Hays Edmonton

Delwyn Vriend remembers last January 22 only too well.

It was his birthday.

It was also the day he was asked to resign from his job of three years. When he refused, six days later he was called into his superior's office and fired —because he is gay.

Vriend was working as a lab instructor at King's College in Edmonton for three years. His dismissal led to seven and a half months of unemployment. It also put Vriend in the media spotlight as a spokesperson for the gay community and as proof that legislation protecting gays and lesbians in the workplace is a necessity.

The college asked Vriend to resign after a series of events made his sexual orientation public knowledge.

"I was out in my church," recalls Vriend. "At one meeting I discussed a potentially dangerous situation my partner and I had found ourselves in one night while walking home. I take it a student of the King's College was at church that day, and he is a born-again fundamentalist who decided this wouldn't do. He wrote a letter to the Dean of the College about me."

This began the wheels of the college bureaucracy in motion. After several weeks the President of the College called Vriend into his office and asked him if he was gay. The president asked Vriend to keep his sexuality a secret, to refrain from any gay political activity, and requested that Vriend refrain form getting involved in any relationships.

Vriend immediately responded that these were "ridiculous requests."

After rumours of Vriend's imminient dismissal grew louder, *The Edmonton Journal* printed a story about it and used Vriend's name. The *Journal*'s disclosure, claimed the college, was the sole reason for Vriend's firing.

Dealing with the Alberta Human Rights Commision only added to Vriend's sense of frustration. "The Human Rights Commission I consider pretty much a joke. They claimed they could not take action because they did not have consensus on the issue of sexual orientation. Human rights by consensus is a ridiculous notion, if all human rights advances had to be made by consensus, racism would still be legal."

Vriend's case led to repeated calls to amend the Individual Rights Protection Act to include

sexual orientation as an illegal means of discrimination.

Alberta Human Rights Commissioner Fil Fraser, while claiming personal support for gay rights, stated that his commission would take no action on Vriend's dismissal.

Fraser has continually had "no comment" for the press and at one point when asked about the consensus issue replied "That's our business."

This response on behalf of the commision led to repeated calls for Fraser's resignation.

Vriend notes that the whole incident caused him a good degree of personal stress. Directly after being fired, he said he "was in a state of shock. I didn't feel much. It was a day later that it all hit me. I was scheduled to talk on the CBC radio that morning. They were going to phone me at 7:30. I awoke at 3:30 and couldn't sleep. I had a breakdown, basically. I cancelled the interview."

After seven and a half months of unemployment, Vriend managed to find part time work at the AIDS Network of Edmonton. He says he's still "angry about the whole thing", and adds that support from his partner and family helped him through the ordeal.

Vriend says he has found his position under the media spotlight a challenging one. "At first, I found it very stressful. The phone was ringing off the hook, the media was trying to contact me constantly."

Vriend says he's no Jane Fonda, and adapting to the role of spokesperson for a social cause was not easy, "I'm not an extrovert, so I don't get much energy from being in front of a crowd of people. I can operate as a performer, but it's not my favourite mode of operation."

As hard as the year has been, Vriend does see positive repercussions from the incident, "Because of this cause, the City of Edmonton has decided to protect its employees on the basis of sexual orientation. Before this happened, a lot of people would say Oh, this could never happen. Now people see that it has happened in a very obvious way, and that the protective legislation is needed."

Vriend is now entering into another stage of the battle. He and his lawyer, Victor Leginsky, are launching a "Charter Challenge" to the IRPA in the Alberta Court of Oueen's Bench. Their argument is

a simple one: that by excluding sexual orientaiton, the IRPA is unconstitutional

Donations are being accepted to The Delwyn Vriend Legal Defense Fund, c/o Philp and Leginsky, 2727 Toronto Dominion Tower, Edmonton Centre, Edmonton, AB, T5J 2Z1.

# CRTC Amends Regulations to Include Sexual Orientation

On November 21, 1991 the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission amended its criteria to include sexual orientation regarding abusive comment. The change is inclusive for radio, television, pay television, and specialty services.

Broadcasters must now prevent abusive comments or depictions that may induce or provoke hatred or contempt on the basis of sexual orientation.

The decision comes after last year's complaints of anti-gay remarks and hate propaganda being broadcast on Vision Television. The religious series, *Fatima* was the centre of much of the controversy.

Though no absolute guarantee against an abusive broadcast, the amendment intends to provide greater protection in terms of what can actually be done with complaints and lawsuits.

CRTC Chairman, Keith Spicer was quick to emphasize that the Commission takes into account other Charter Rights, specifically Freedom of Expression. In decisions where there is any doubt the Commission will continue to follow its established practice of ruling in favour of freedom of expression.

"There is absolutely no reason why discouraging abusive comment should prevent thoughtful, informed, and thorough discussion, humour, or other forms of expression. We're not trying to limit free use of airwaves, just abuse."

Many intervenors raised the concern that the inclusion of sexual orientation might be interpreted as providing protection or encouragement for such activities as paedophilia, bestiality, or necrophilia.

To avoid any misunderstandings about its intention, the CRTC has also amended its regulations to state clearly that sexual orientation excludes the orientation towards any sexual act or activity which would constitute an offence under the provisions of the Criminal Code.

-- Iude Stewart

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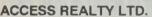


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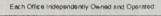
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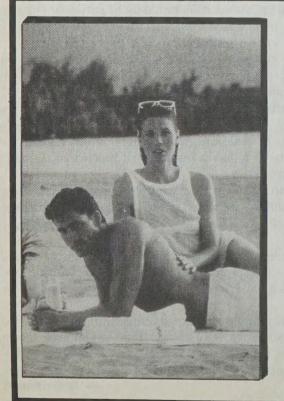
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## Gay Men's Outreach Committee

Edmonton's Gay Men's Outreach Committee is comprised of gay and bisexual men who are committed to promoting a positive view of safer sex and being gay.

With the guidance of the AIDS Network of Edmonton, this committee of men volunteer their time and efforts throughout the gay bars and events of Edmonton.

They promote workshops, gay men's issues and a variety of other topics.

The committee has already established itself as a recognizable fixture in Edmonton's gay community, working for over one year with various promotions.

Anyone interested in information on this committee and it's activities, or men interested in membership, can call Brent at 424–4767.

# Calgary Host to Film Festival in March

The Canadian Film Celebration is once again planning this year's event Celebration '92, beginning March 23 and continuing through to March 29, 1992. Calgary is playing host city to an event which not only involves the national film industry, but totally involves the general public.

The mandate for this year's festival will be to show Canadian films to Canadians. It will be more than a film festival with cultural benefits, as the economic and educational spinoffs of Celebration '91 are still being evidenced. No project in the Canadian film community has ever created as much excitement, or stimulated as many creative ideas as the Canadian Film Celebration.

A call for volunteers has been made to ensure this year's Celebration will be a success. Interested volunteers can call 268 1370 for more information.

-- Corinne Stearns

# Coming Out In Lethbridge

By Colin Armstrong Lethbridge

Coming out of the closet is a frightening experience for all lesbian and gay people. Most gay envision nightmarish of being beaten or scenes experiencing the loss of friends and family. These are valid concerns which could become reality.

Here in our fair city of Lethbridge, "stepping out" can be especially frightening experience. Lethbridge is located in the heart of the Bible-belt of Southern Alberta. With the only Mormon Temple in Westen Canada nearby, as well as large numbers of Hutterites, Jehovah's Witnesses and many other

fundamental Christian religions, we have more than our share of potential Bible-thumpers.

agricultural an community also means a large number of conservative people, different close-minded to lifestyles.

With these choices of people to deal with, it may seem pointless to come out.

This is quite untrue.

Those of us who are out of the closet, find we are more at ease with ourselves. Not having to lie to ourselves or others makes a big difference in our personal lives, including our relationships with family and friends.

Although many of us are not ready to come out to society as a whole, we may be ready to come out to our peers; community.

With this in mind. Lethbridge's gay community has become increasingly organized over the last seven months. The Gay and Lesbian Association of (GALA/LA) Lethbridge Lethbridge was developed last April to provide peer support to the Lethbridge community. GALA offers Lethbridge and area lesbians and gays the opportunity to meet in a social atmosphere with the comfort of knowing services, including a lesbian drop-in, bimonthly socials, sponsorship of dances, a summer campout, as well as a phoneline exist for them. The GALA phoneline offers peer support, information, or just someone to talk with.

Not to be left out is the newly formed on-campus gay lesbian club, Lambda (not an acronym), at the University of Lethbridge.

Lambda was formed this year to directly serve the gay and population the lesbian University. Working partnership with GALA, its focus is to provide support, outreach and education.

These groups offer community in Lethbridge a safe environment in which we can be ourselves.

With these two associations, as well as the Lethbridge AIDS Connection working collectively, the future for Lethbridge's gay community looks bright.

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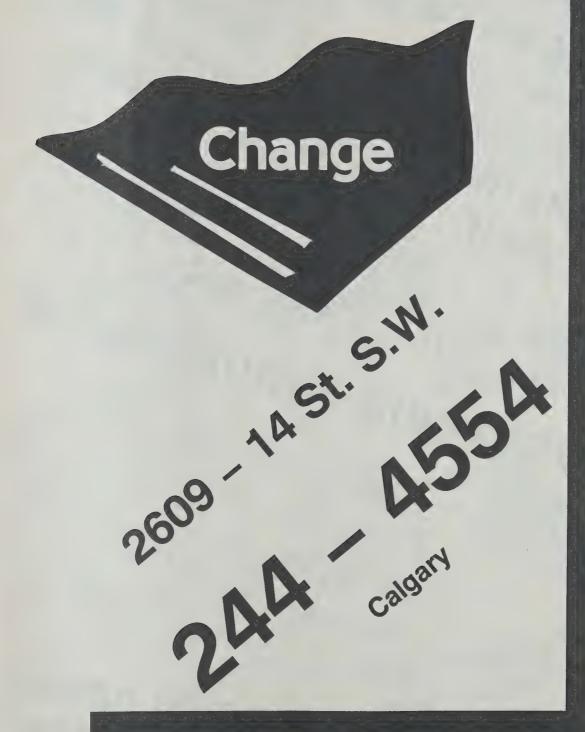


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# Tragic Magic

#### Magic Johnson's Mode of Transmission Relatively Rare

By Rex Wockner

Less than 1 percent of persons with AIDS in the U.S. may have been infected with HIV the way Magic **Johnson** says he was, according to statistics kept by the Centers for Disease Control.

That category is U.S. resident males who were born in a non-Third-World country and -- based on their own statements -- are believed to have been infected through sex with a woman.

Female-to-male sexual transmission of HIV is common in Third World countries (CDC "Pattern-II countries") where penile sores — from syphilis, herpes or other infections — may go untreated and anal sex is a common form of birth control.

But it is relatively rare in the U.S. because it is difficult for HIV to find entrance to a healthy penis during vaginal sex, since the virus needs access to the bloodstream to take hold.

These statistics have fueled the widespread speculation that Johnson may have had gay sex. And several delegates to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force(NGTLF) Creating Change Conference in suburban Washington, D.C., including some African-Americans, said Nov. 10 they had "heard" "for years" and "for a long time" that Johnson had sex with men.

The statements are unconfirmed. However, CBS News told a reliable source Nov. 11 that *Sports Illustrated* was preparing to "out" Johnson based on information from a former trainer for the Los Angeles Lakers. On Nov. 12, the same information found its way to editors of the *Globe*, a national tabloid that has outed numerous celebrities, usually with minimal or no homophobic slant.

Sports Illustrated denied the report.

"Why would we want to do that?" asked Publicity Director Roger Jackson, who said the magazine will publish a lengthy tribute to Johnson, including a "first-person piece" by Johnson that will contain the following three paragraphs:

"By now I'm sure that most of America has heard rumors that I'm gay. Well, you can forget that. Some people started to talk during the NBA Finals in 1988 and '89 when I kissed Isia [Thomas of the Detroit Pistons] on the cheek as a pre-game salute to our friendship and our respect for the game. But actually I've been hearing that kind of talk for a long time.

"The most widely known fact about AIDS in the U.S. is that it affects homosexuals and intravenous drug users more than anybody else. But that's changing faster than the rest of us would like to believe. My doctors told me that the number of Americans who have been infected with HIV through heterosexual contact is drastically higher than just a few years ago.

"I sympathize with anyone who has to battle AIDS, regardless of his or her sexual preference, but I have never had a homosexual encounter. Never."

When he announced his HIV status and retirement from professional basketball Nov. 7, Johnson promised to become "a spokesman" for HIV-positives and "safe sex."

"I want everybody to practice safe sex," he said later on "The Arsenio Hall Show." "I want to educate the public."

Johnson's doctors say his immune system is already sufficiently damaged to begin AZT therapy, which means he has less than 500 CD4 cells (also known as T4 helper cells).

Gay activists across the board said Johnson's announcement will likely lead to an increase in government and private AIDS efforts.

But they again denounced the media for only publishing detailed AIDS information when a celebrity, such as Rock Hudson, or a mediagenic heterosexual, such as Kimberly Bergalis, is stricken with HIV or AIDS.

# Argentine Gays Struggle Against the Odds

By Rex Wockner

It will get worse before it gets better, say gay and AIDS activists in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where a series of new anti-gay and anti-PWA actions have surprised few but taken a toll.

Argentine gays are used to having their bars raided and their organizations declared illegal. And they've adjusted to police plucking gay men off the streets for alleged violation of laws against "carnality" and "immorality," for being a "suspicious person" or wearing "improper clothes" — or merely for a trip to the station for a "records check."

Gay activists are used to being fired from their jobs after media appearances, and have adjusted to

seeing their home addresses printed in right-wing newspapers.

But the latest rash of homophobia and AIDSphobia still stings.

 A daily newspaper revealed that prisoners with AIDS were chained to their beds at Muñiz Hospital, the leading AIDS facility. Hospital staff said a court ordered the chaining after one PWA prisoner jabbed a nurse with a needle she had used to give him an injection. Following public protest, the prisoners were unshackled and returned to prison — where they receive no medical care.

- I The national gay group Comunidad Homosexual Argentina filed a defamation lawsuit against an army chaplain who publicly advocated the death penalty for the crime of homosexuality. The case was thrown out of court.
- I The Ministry of Health distributed one million condoms, only to see its efforts denounced by the Catholic bishop of Buenos

Aires as "an invitation to have homosexual relations." CHA fought back with a condom zap of the cathedral.

"Nobody will become gay by getting free condoms," said a CHA spokesman.

- CHA president Rafael Freda was interviewed for the popular TV program "Almorzando con Mirta Legrand" but the segment was cancelled following pressure from the same bishop.
- I A recent health conference organized by Catholic University in the city of Salvador proclaimed that Argentina must tackle the problem of sodomy before it can tackle AIDS.
- I CHA's lengthy fight for legal recognition is slated to be heard by the Supreme Court this month but activists are not hopeful, and are

raising funds for an appeal to the Interamerica n Court of Human Rights in Costa Rica.

Legal registration is mandatory in order to open a bank account, rent an office, and engage in other routine

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Photos by Rex Wockner

business or advocacy activities. Without it, CHA members face arrest — and their gay-rights and anti-AIDS programs could be squashed by police at any time.

The most recent ruling against CHA's registration, by a federal appeals court, noted that homosexuality is a "pathology" that hurts the "national being" and the "common good," and violates "Catholic teaching" and "average morality."

The deteriorating situation in Argentina was targeted Oct. 25 by

gay and lesbian protestors in Managua, Mexico City, Moscow, New York, San Francisco and Washington, D.C., where pickets were mounted outside Argentine embassies and consulates, according to the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission.

In Washington, a second demonstration was staged Nov. 15 outside the National Press Club as Argentine President Carlos Menem spoke inside. CHA's Freda requested the demo, saying if Menem were publicly embarrassed

on gay issues while in the U.S., he would likely return home and urge the Supreme Court to approve CHA's registration.

In a joint statement Nov. 14, the International Lesbian and Gay Association and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force called "the refusal of the Argentinean legal system to recognize the human rights of all its citizens...an international disgrace."

"Wherever the President goes, we will be there to remind both him and his hosts that by not taking immediate action they are condoning death and dishonor with their silence and inaction," the groups said.

Human Rights Campaign Fund Executive Director Tim McFeeley wrote a harshly worded letter to Argentinean U.S. Ambassador Carlos Ortiz de Rosas Nov. 14.

"The Comunidad Homosexual Argentina...has sustained months of abuse, including raids and arrests by law enforcement officials, harassment by the government, and legal challenges," McFeeley wrote. "Currently they are awaiting a court ruling as to whether they may exist or not.

The protests, demonstrations, statements and letters may or may not help. In 1989, while meeting in Vienna, Austria, ILGA staged a large and loud protest outside the Argentine embassy. The next day, activists faxed the newspaper reports to the Argentine media. The Argentine media ran the story. Police retaliated with stepped-up terror, staging a string of violent raids of bars, discos and clubs frequented by homosexuals.

"Buenos Aires has never known anything like this before," CHA's Emmanuel Valido said at the time. "We are being beaten and wounded in direct response to our public protest." ▼

#### 2 000 March In South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Two thousand gays and lesbians took to the streets Oct. 12 in the country's — and Africa's — second ever gay/lesbian pride parade.

In bright sunshine, marchers stepped off from the Great Hall at Witwatersrand University and headed through the Braamfontein and

Hillbrow neighborhoods to Peter Roos Park.

There were contingents from Cape Town, Durban, the Orange Free State and Pretoria — from Gazankulu, Bop and neighboring Swaziland, Lesotho and Zimbabwe.

The marchers — 40 percent black, 60 percent white — represented gay political groups, gay sports teams, AIDS care providers, the Johannesburg health department, unions, student political organizations, the African National Congress, and the gay newspaper *Exit*, Africa's only gay newspaper.

Police behaved well — going so far as to provide a motorcycle escort. Riot squads were sprinkled along the route to protect marchers.

"This is a protest march," said **Tanya Chan-Sam** of the Gay and Lesbian Organization of Witwatersrand (GLOW) at the kick-off rally.

"What's the good of being proud for one day a year only? We protest our status and we are proud of who we are."

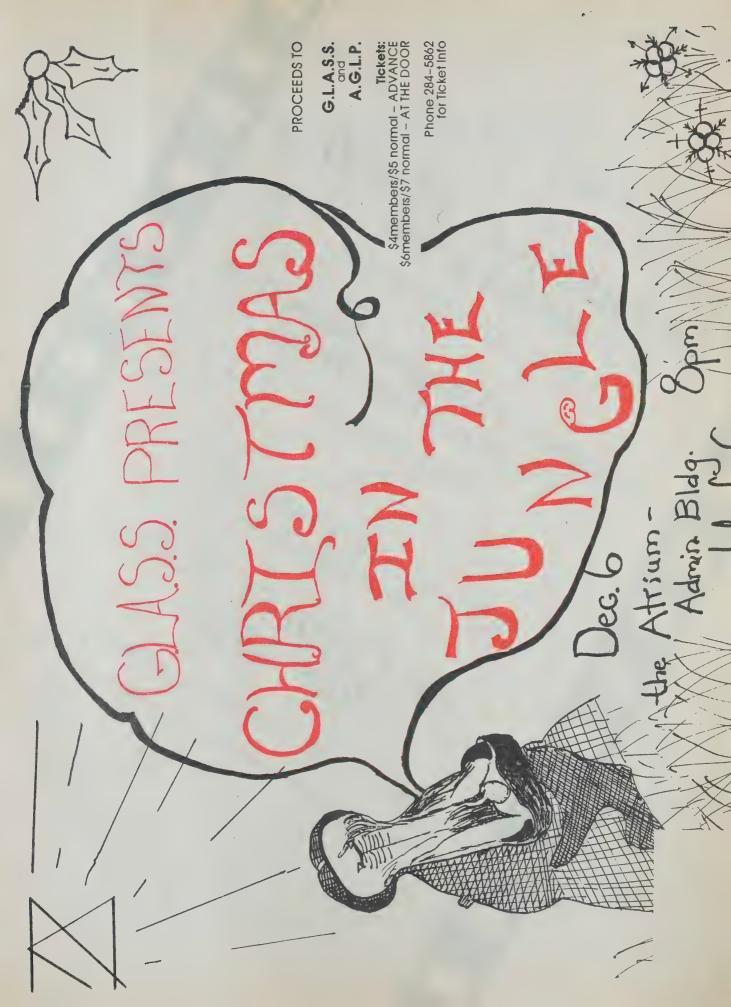
Activist Edwin Cameron called for the decriminalization of homosexuality.

"Every time two gay men make love in the privacy of their own home, they become criminals," he said.

The post-march party in the park featured organizational booths, food, beer, a puppet show, singing, dancing, "and a general reaffirmation of our identity," according to one lesbian.

Last year, 800 people turned out for Johannesburg's first pride parade. Both marches were organized by GLOW, the Soweto-based gay group founded by internationally known anti-apartheid and gay activist Tseko Simon Nkoli.

-- Rex Wockner and Gerry Davidson



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# U.S. Supreme Court Rejects Lesbian Mom's Case

By Rex Wockner

The U.S. Supreme Court Nov. 4 declined to review the case of a Chicago lesbian fighting for custody of her 5-year-old son.

The action let stand two Illinois decisions that granted custody of Sharon Brown's son Laurence to her father and stepmother. The child was conceived in a rape.

The Illinois courts ruled that Laurence would be better off with Gene and Glenda Brown after hearing evidence that Sharon Brown was a diabetic, a former alcoholic and cocaine user, a lesbian who made no attempt to hide her same-sex relationship, and had experienced chronic financial difficulties.

In petitioning the high court, Brown's attorney pointed out that she had overcome her substance—abuse and financial difficulties. And he charged that her constitutional right to due process under the law had been violated because she never had been found legally "unfit" for custody.

Illinois law does not require a finding of unfitness when parents do not live together, allowing judges to award custody to a third party merely "for good reason."

Brown's parents' Supreme Court brief reported that Brown nearly "abandoned" Laurence when he was an infant, took drugs when she was pregnant, suffered serious financial woes, and "kissed and held hands in public and did

nothing to conceal [her lesbian] relationship."

Brown voluntarily left Laurence with her father and stepmother when he was a baby so she could enter a substance—abuse program.

Brown did not know of the Supreme Court's action until she received a telephone call from Outlines News Service.

"[The courts] just seem to consider all these old things [from my past]," she said.

"I feel so bad for my son. I see so much damage in him already. He's being brought up by this same man that raised me. And the woman that lives with his father is just not a very good person, I don't think. She has problems."

## Falwell Running Scared?

In a new fundraising letter, fundamentalist Christian leader the Rev. Jerry Falwell reported that an angry mob of 2 000 Los Angeles "homosexuals" recently planned to kill him.

"It is truly a miracle that I am alive today," the televangelist and founder of the defunct Moral Majority wrote. "This is not an exaggeration. I sincerely believe that certain persons fully intended to take my life."

The allegedly homicidal homosexuals, members of the groups Queer Nation and "Fighting Fairies," stormed the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel chanting, "We want Falwell, we want Falwell," according to the letter.

The preacher, who was eating in the hotel restaurant, hid behind a partition in the kitchen, he said, until police removed the marauding homosexuals from the hotel. A waiter stood by his side praying for his safety, Falwell wrote.

L.A. police confirmed that gays burst into the Hollywood Roosevelt looking for Falwell, but said officers had removed the minister from the building well before the mob entered.

Falwell's son, Jonathan, had called for riot police after noticing that homosexuals were amassing outside the hotel, according to the letter.

In light of his alleged brush with death, Falwell now hopes to fight radical homosexuals "day and night." A contribution of "\$35 or even \$25" will ensure the continuation of his efforts, he wrote.

American gays and lesbians have historically expressed overt disdain for televangelists and other fundamentalist Christian leaders. But the Falwell incident marked the first reported plot by homosexuals to take the life of a fundamentalist figurehead.

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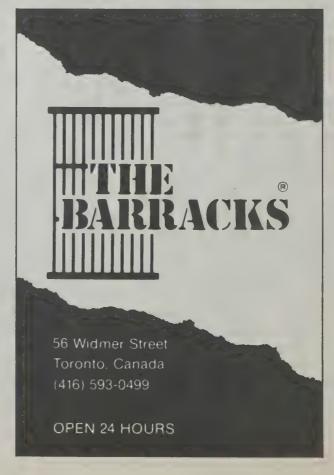


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## **International News Roundup**

AUSTRALIA -- The 10th annual all-night Sleaze Ball attracted 14,000 gyrating, sweating gay men and a record number of lesbians to the Sydney Showground last month.

Many were dressed to the nines in line with this year's theme: fetishes.

The party is considered such a good one that straights want to come too, to the distress of some gays. Some lesbians, and some gay men in drag, reported being harassed by straight men in the toilets.

featured The ball 186 performers and 285 staffers, said manager Cath Phillips.

AUSTRALIA -- The Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group will ask the U.N. Human Rights Committee in Geneva to prod the Australian government overturn Tasmania's sodomy law.

Tasmania is the only state where gay sex remains illegal. A two-year repeal campaign ended in defeat this summer (winter there) when parliament upheld the

TGLRG's Rodney Croome said the law violates citizens' rights to privacy, equal treatment under the

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freedom from law. and discrimination based on sexual orientation, in violation of the U.N. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Australia is a signatory.

BRAZIL -- Rio de Janeiro's IPS news bureau reports there have 715 anti-gay murders nationwide in the past 10 years and almost no one is ever punished.

"Those who are responsible... belong to groups that operate on behalf of 'social hygiene,' just as the Nazis did," said Paulo Nogueira of the gay-activist group Atobà.

The same thugs also murder "street children," said Nogueira and spokesmen for the gay groups Pink Triangle and Gay Group of Bahia.

COSTA RICA -- The nation's first gay theater group, La Galleta (The Cookie), performed at the National Theater Workshop last month.

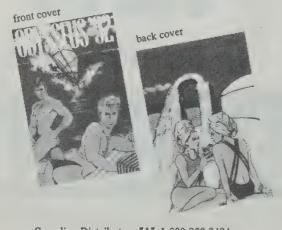
Their play, "Love, Homosexual Love," "won applause from critics and others in the auditorium, most of whom where heterosexual," said the San Josè gay newspaper Confidencial.

DENMARK -- A new survey of 2,000 gay men by the State Serum Institute and the University of Copenhagen found that 6 percent had not had sex in the past year, 21 percent had sex with only one person, 40 percent had between two and five partners, and 13 percent had more than 12 partners.

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The remaining percentages were not accounted for in an article in the gay newspaper *PAN Bladet*.

Preferred activities were mutual masturbation and fellatio – – 10 percent used a condom for sucking.

Anal sex has declined in popularity.

ENGLAND — A new Gallup poll found that 53 percent of 937 members of the general public consider homosexuality an acceptable lifestyle and 66 percent believe gay sex should be legal (which it is).

In addition, 55 percent feel gays should be allowed in the military (they are not). Gays should also be allowed to be teachers said 39 percent of respondents, priests (49%), doctors (49%), salesmen (77%) and prison guards (40%).

Sixty-seven percent of respondents said homosexuals should not be allowed to adopt children and 74 percent opposed an equal age-of-consent of 16 for gays and straights. The gay age-of-consent is now 21.

Forty-nine percent of those polled believe there are "more gays now than there were 20 years ago."

According to the survey, supporters of gays in Britain are most likely to be Labour or Liberal Democrat women aged 18–34 who have professional or skilled-blue-collar jobs.

Persons most opposed to homosexuals are Conservative Party males aged 45 or over who have unskilled manual-labor jobs or no job.

In America, 80 percent of 800 randomly selected citizens told Penn & Schoen Associates pollsters this year that "homosexuals should have equal rights for jobs." And 81 percent said it's wrong for the military to kick out gays.

ENGLAND -- Actor Sir Ian McKellen officiated at the opening of Oxford's new Lesbian and Gay Centre Oct. 31.

The facility will offer disconights and house the gay hotline and the gay counseling service, among other endeavors. (Scene Out)

FINLAND -- The Helsinki City

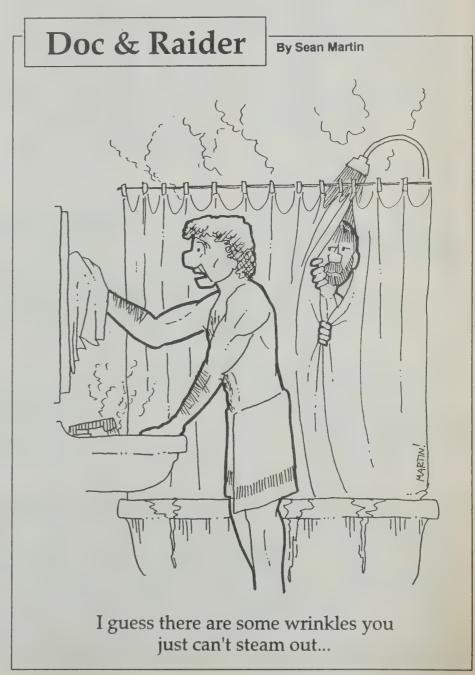
Court handed down a two-year prison sentence last month to a man who did not tell his lover he was HIV-positive.

The lover later died of AIDS.

The court said the man caused "grievous bodily harm and... death to another person."

The defendant was also ordered to pay \$19,000 to the lover's relatives.

The two men lived together for 15 months before their relationship



ended in 1987.

The case was Finland's first criminal prosecution related to HIV. (Helsingin Sanomat)

FRANCE -- Hundreds of ACT UP/Paris members amassed outside Notre Dame Cathedral Nov. 1, All Saints Day, demanding that the Vatican drop its opposition to condoms.

Several dozen protestors later entered the church and halted mass by chanting, "AIDS —— the church is an accomplice." They were removed by security guards.

The demonstrators distributed thousands of condoms to pedestrians along with flyers denouncing Catholicism's response to AIDS as "blind, contemptible and criminal."

"The church and the Pope present [condoms] as the enemy of love and the best friend of AIDS," charged an ACT UP spokesman. "We want to confront the immobility of the Church and its hold on social thought in France and around the world."

The Catholic Church opposes all methods of "artificial" birth control because it believes "God" wants all sex acts to be open to the possibility of procreation.

FRANCE -- The 14th World Conference of the International Lesbian and Gay Association is July 12–18 in Paris -- just prior to the 8th International Conference on AIDS in Amsterdam.

Many gays routinely attend both events, which are usually on different continents.

The ILGA gathering should attract hundreds of activists from 40 countries, said Information Secretary Micha Ramakers. It will be hosted by the Paris group Gais Pour Les Libertès.

HUNGARY -- "We are our own

biggest enemies," says Gabor Bencze, editor of the only gay newspaper, MASok, or We Who Are on the Other Side.

"Hungarian gays...deprecate themselves," Bencze said.

Nonetheless, Budapest has several new gay bars and discos, and the Los Angeles Gay Men's Chorus recently presented a successful concert.

"This [concert] marked an important milestone for the gay movement," said Bencze. "It gave us a rare feeling of solidarity and that's precisely what we lack. We lack respect for ourselves and we need the strength to break down our own negative biases."

MASok, which has a print run of 3,000, aims to highlight anti-gay discrimination, such as in the sexual age-of-consent laws, which are

set at 18 for gays but 14 for straights.

"It will be some time before sales [of the paper] can finance the

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paper," Bencze said. "We get money from [the group] Lambda Budapest but not from the state, even if that is a theoretical possibility." (Blikk)

ICELAND — The new conservative-coalition government last month announced a major parliamentary study on homosexuality.

"Most of the parties are now open to homosexuality," said Thorvaldurt Kristinsson, president of the national gay group Samtökin 78. "Today it's no longer a taboo."

Kristinsson said the group will begin pushing for antidiscrimination legislation "within two or three years."

A lesbian ran for parliament in the last election but lost. (Gai Pied)

IRELAND -- The first-ever Irish Lesbian and Gay Film Festival premiered Oct. 11.

Among the offerings were Home Stories, a witty assemblage of footage of Hollywood stars of the 1950s; Caught Looking, a sexual comedy about gay-male fantasies from Victorian times to the present; Stand On Your Man, a documentary on lesbian country and western bands; and Voices From The Front, a bitter AIDS documentary, according to Scene Out.

ITALY — The mainstream news magazine *Panaroma* devoted the cover, five pages and 15 photos to lesbians last month.

Among the revelations:

\* Italian lesbians think the Martina Navratilova case was positive for lesbians.

\* The 13,000-member national gay group Arci Gay now has 4,000 lesbian members.

\* Italian lesbians are not impressed with "the American

model of lesbianism" because it is overly influenced by Puritanism.

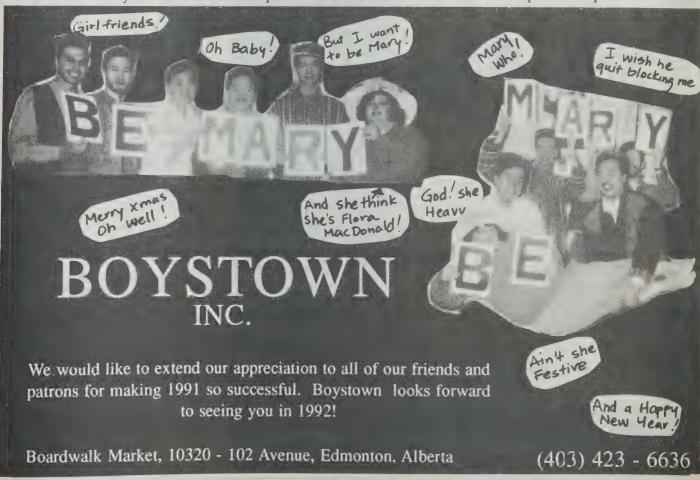
\* A new poll found that 27 percent of Italians consider male homosexuality "normal" but only 17 percent think lesbianism is OK.

\* Fifty-three percent of Italian lesbians have a lover and do not sleep around. Fifty-six percent are happy they figured out they are gay.

JAPAN — Health officials say a serious AIDS problem is emerging among Southeast Asian prostitutes in Tokyo's red-light districts.

"The country is on the brink of a crisis as the fatal disease threatens to spread widely...through heterosexual contact," said the Health Ministry's Yuichi Shiokawa.

LATVIA -- Gays and lesbians talked to the media for the first time Sept. 26 in a press conference



staged at the Arts and Literature History Museum in Riga, the capital.

Latvian Association for Sexual Equality President Elmars Borins told reporters that "a new age has dawned for our nation... and we have to begin our battle for the equal rights of gays and lesbians right now so as not to be put back in an underground life."

Latvia was granted

independence from the USSR this fall, along with Estonia and Lithuania.

"Our general task is to fight for the legalization of homosexuality," Borins said. "We also have to make straight people understand that...gays and lesbians are normal people."

Several other gays and lesbians spoke at the event, including Marina Schwabe, who

said she was just happy that it is becoming easier to meet other lesbians.

A spokeswoman for the Latvian AIDS Center sounded an HIV alarm. "The number of infected people is much larger than published statistics show," said *Dr. Tanya Kurova*.

LASE stages cafè evenings and hopes to launch a newspaper when the paper shortage eases. The group is in need of printed information on homosexuality and AIDS to educate both gays and straights, Borins said.

LITHUANIA — News articles about AIDS have caused an increase in gay-bashing, says activist Alfredas Zapotoriustar, who was interviewed by the Stockholm gay newspaper Kom Ut.

"Previously the general public was not really aware that homosexuals existed," Zapotoriustar said. "Now they have a negative... attitude and blame gays for the whole problem of AIDS."

Meanwhile, a daily newspaper that had published gay-contact ads was ordered by the government to stop it.

The authorities said homosexuality is illegal.

The newspaper had required gays to prove they were HIV-negative prior to accepting a classified ad.

Zapotoriustar says societal homophobia and the hostility of the Catholic Church mean gay liberation will be a long time coming in Lithuania, which was previously a republic of the USSR.

MALAYSIA -- The Health Ministry began funding the school-based AIDS-education efforts of the Pink Triangle



## No Ads In Gay Publications

Accusing the firm of "prophylactic prejudice," the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/New York (GLAAD/NY) is organizing a grass-roots letter-writing campaign to persuade the maker of Trojan comdoms to advertise in gay publications.

GLAAD/NY charges that the refusal of Carter-Wallace Inc., which makes Trojan condoms, to advertise in the gay press is based on prejudice and the fear of being tagged as the manufacturer of a gay

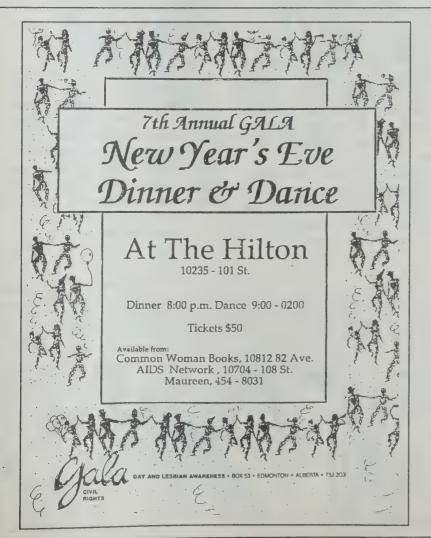
product.

Carte-Wallace said it prefers to advertise solely in mainstream men's magazines rather than the gay press despite studies showing

that gay men use more condoms per capita.

GLAAD says condom makers represent the most startling example of advertisers taking gay dollars while slamming the door on gay publications. The group also takes issue with the exclusive use of heterosexual images in condom ads and on product boxes, saying it is insulting to target gay men solely with images of straight couples placed in straight magazines.

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NETHERLANDS — The city of Best, home to the national newspaper *De Gay Krant*, has become the 17th Dutch city to allow gay and lesbian couples to get married at City Hall.

Gay marriage is not legal in Holland, but that has not stopped the cities from offering it.

It is widely believed that the Netherlands, which sees itself as the most liberal country in the world, has suffered a serious case of hurt pride since Oct. 1, 1989, when Denmark won the race to become the first country in the world to legalize gay marriage.



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SWEDEN -- Somebody detonated a powerful bomb in the doorway of Stockholm's gay center last month.

The blast damaged the entryway and display windows and bookcases at the gay bookstore.

There were no injuries.

"It must be someone who is terribly afraid of homosexuality who is behind this," said **George Svèd** of the National Federation for Sexual Equality. (Kom Ut)

SWEDEN -- One thousand people turned out for gay pride, which is held in the fall here.

Highlights included Dykes on Bikes and the National Federation for Sexual Equality's annual Homophobia Prize, which went to the National Board of Health and Welfare for its recent statement that homosexuals make bad parents.

Activists called for legalization of gay marriage, gay adoption and lesbian artificial insemination, and for more government work on AIDS prevention. (*Reporter*)

USSR — Central control over the spread of AIDS has been lost because the republics have stopped providing information to the All Union Anti-AIDS Center, the head of the Soviet AIDS program told the TASS news agency.

"Many AIDS-infected people are travelling all over the country without any control. This must cause serious concern," said Dr. Vadim Pokrovskij, chair of the Anti-AIDS Association and director of the Epidemiological Research Institute's Anti-AIDS Laboratory.

Pokrovskij also said hardcurrency bank accounts for importing medicine have been frozen since the failed coup. Many HIV drugs are not produced in the USSR. Western countries do not accept the ruble because it is not convertible on the world money market.

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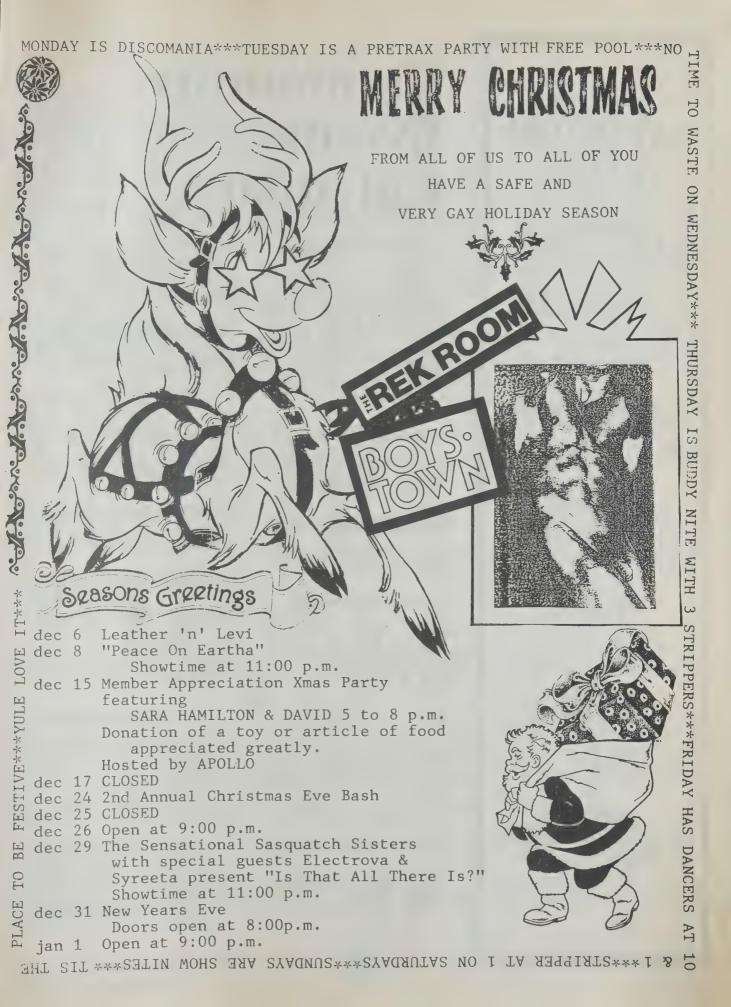






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TRAX - Country Dance Party 318 - B.B.Q. 5 - 8 pm OFF CENTRE - D.J. Starts at 9 pm

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318 - Various Shows. Call 228-7999 OFF CENTRE - Karaoke 8 pm - close BOYSTOWN: METRO - Various Shows call 265-2028 for info.

# Community **Events** Calendar

#### **Sunday December 1**

World AIDS Day

AIDS NETWORK OF EDMONTON/ FLASHBACK - A Day Without Art, Call 424-4767, 428-9444 or 474-2189 (Kevin Hendricks)

WORLD AIDS DAY/A DAY WITHOUT ART - 8 pm Southern Alberta Art Gallery call 328-8186 or 327-8770 Lethbridge.

OFF CENTRE - "When You Wish Upon A a benefit for AIDS Research Foothills Hospital

#### Wednesday December 4

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF HIV POSITIVE** FORUM - Catholic Social Services, 8815-99 St. 7:30 pm Edmonton

#### **Thursday December 5**

MISS KITTY'S CHAIRITY BINGO/TRAX --8 pm Sponsored by S.H.A.R.P.

#### Friday December 6

GLASS - Christmas In The Jungle 8 pm Proceeds to AGLP

BOYSTOWN: METRO - Leather & Levi ROCKY MOUNTAIN SINGERS - "In the Moon of Wintertime" 8 pm Wesley **United Church** 

#### **Saturday December 7**

ALBERTA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION/ TRAX - Country Christmas

CAMP 181 - Dance 7:30, Bridgeland Community Hall, 919 McDougall Rd.

APOLLO - Annual General Meeting

#### **Sunday December 8**

NORTHERN CHAPS - Chaps take a Licking, "Santa Takes Off His Belt" BOYSTOWN: METRO -"Peace On Eartha" Showtime 11 pm

#### **Tuesday December 10**

CNC - Social Meeting at TRAX

#### **Wednesday December 11**

WOMONSPACE -Newsletter General Meeting 7:30 pm

#### **Thursday December 12**

MISS KITTY'S CHARITY BINGO/TRAX -Sponsored By AGLP 8 pm

#### Friday December 13

AGRA/TRAX - Indoor Rodeo

#### Saturday December 14

Black Christmas II, CLUB/TRAX Proceeds to AIDS Calgary Greenbough fund

NOT ALONE - Brunch 10 am call 282-6592

DIGNITY - Potluck & Social 6:30 pm, call 282-6592

#### Sunday December 15

GAY FATHERS - Potluck & Meeting, call 246-4036

BOYSTOWN: METRO Members Appreciation Christmas Donation of a toy or food item appreciated. Hosted by Apollo
OFF CENTRE - Christmas Tree Decorating

#### **Tuesday December 17**

CLUB - Can We Talk topic: Hot Waxing, call Gaylines

GAY MEN'S OUTREACH COMMITTEE -Meeting, AIDS Network of Edmonton 6



# December

#### **Thursday December 19**

MISS KITTY'S CHARITY BINGO/TRAX -Sponsored by S.H.A.R.P.

#### Friday December 20

AIDS NETWORK OF EDMONTON - Open House, Christmas Social 2 - 5 pm FLASHBACK - Men Only, A Christmas Benefit For Persons Living with HIV Society

#### Saturday December 21

WOMONSPACE - Dance 8 pm call 425-0511

#### **Tuesday December 24**

M.C.C. - Christmas Eve Service 11 pm with the Rocky Mountain Singers BOYSTOWN: METRO 2nd Annual Christmas Eve Bash

#### Wednesday December 25

Merry Christmas!

#### Friday December 27

P-FLAG - Potluck 6:30 pm Call 243-4772

#### **Sunday December 29**

BOYSTOWN: METRO - The Sensational Sasquatch Sisters, special guests Electrova & Syreeta present "Is That All There Is?" 11 pm

#### **Tuesday December 31**

CAMP 181 - Westward Inn New Years Eve Event

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#### THOUGHTS FROM THE LAVENDER DOOR

# Setting your own Christmas Traditions

By Trish Stenson and Anne Taylor

Merry Ho Ho. Tis the season to be jolly. This is all fine and good; however, some of us might ask what is it we are being jolly about. Christmas is undoubtedly one of the most stressful times of the year and millions of people try to put on happy faces, be jovial (whether they feel so or not) and attempt to enjoy the stress.

As children we may have experienced everything from a genuinely joyous festive season

through to the chronic trauma of being with adults who had a built-in excuse to be drinking anytime of day. Whatever your experience, this holiday time will undoubtedly trigger memories of Christmas past. Often without realizing it, these triggers will take us back to past events and situations. Triggers can evoke an array of intense and sometimes subtle emotions which, if we don't understand them, may lead to our own dysfunctional behaviour. Examples of these might be drinking too much, smoking too much, overspending, isolating ourselves, trying to distract ourselves by being too busy to be with friends and family, overeating, etc...

So what's a body to do? We can't change the past, but; it is true that we can choose to define our Christmas in a way which actually fits our needs and desires. We can change our present and our future. It may seem hokey (I've been accused of worse), but the key to a peaceful Christmas is nurturing the spirit of what Christmas can mean when we choose to define it



for ourselves. What then do you define as the spirit of Christmas? Perhaps it means sharing, laughing, giving and receiving. Maybe it's a time to smile at strangers. What about taking time to play by building a snowperson or frolicking in the snow? Time to spend an extra moment with the people you work with, live next to or live with. It's a time to give of yourself and to yourself, taking time to give thought to those you

care about and those you don't even know. Christmas is a time to reflect on what is truly important to you. Are you living your life with your own expectations or trying to live up to someone else's expectations of you? Maybe the present that you can give to yourself is arranging a list of priorities that fit for you.

Is Christmas something you do because it's expected, or something that you have defined and created that is special for you and those you love? How often are you making choices based on your needs or that of others?

How many times does "I should" make the decision? What are your priorities? What is the spirit of Christmas for you?

Asking these questions begins a process of reclaiming Christmas from the past. It's about bringing the spirit of Christmas to life in your home. Have some eggnog, settle in and create your own Christmas traditions.

Merry Christmas, one and all!

#### THE WORLD OF GAY LITERATURE

# Binky, Prue, hidden tunnels, and other fireside entertainment

By Peter DeGroot

Christmas holidays provide the opportunity to frolic in the snow and to visit with friends; however, when the temperatures fall below bearable and there has been one office party too many, Christmas holidays provide the ideal opportunity to curl up by the fire and read a great novel.

The Tales Of The City series by Armistead Maupin is an excellent place to begin one's Christmas reading list. The Tales have gained an understandable cult status among the gay community. The city is San Francisco, and the tales being told are as outrageous as they are warming. The series begins with Mary Ann a character as innocent and naive as the famed castaway with the same name - arriving in the Big City equipped with a mood ring to guide her destiny. With the Seventies motto "Today is the first day of the rest of my life" firmly entrenched in her mind, Mary Ann and her new-found friends boldly journey to the Dance Your Ass Off Club, the Crisis Switchboard, and the Come Clean Centre, but always end up at the welcoming 28 Barbary Lane. Maupin has not written a novel or a collection of short stories with this series, rather he has created a world where readers can view.

with gusto and gossip, the lives of characters like Binky, Prue Giroux, and DeDe.

The entire series is a "Must Read".

Author Florine DeVeer has a unique claim to fame: her novels, *The Wings Of The Phonix* and *Second Chances*, are set in the gay Mecca of Calgary, Alberta! While names have been changed to protect the innocent, readers can have great fun figuring out which local clubs, parks and bars the heroes visit on their travels.

Also offering Canadian content is *Birthmarks* by Patrick Roscoe. A more disturbing view of Vancouver has never been written as Roscoe poetically weaves a black tapestry of evil on the streets. Male prostitutes, the homeless and the abused are the subjects of the vignettes which Roscoe presents. Perhaps this is not the most uplifting book for the Christmas season, but it does force one to question the effects of the emotional scars we all carry. Definitely one of the best Canadian books written in recent years.

Many have seen the movie *Maurice*, but the novel on which it was based allows the reader greater insight into the characters of Clive, Alex and Maurice.

E.M. Forster's perceptions of England's acceptance of homosexuality in 1914 are somewhat unsettling, considering the current political situations in England. *Maurice* is as relevant now as it was when first written.

No novel reading list is complete without a mention of Gordon Merrick. He has been credited with creating the genre of gay romance novels. While many read like a Danielle Steele for men, some Merrick novels are worth considering. The "Peter and Charlie" trilogy which begins with *The Lord Won't Mind*, is fine, fun fluff. Unfortunately, in many of his books

Merrick has a nasty habit of killing off gay positive characters no apparent reason. However, before the unexpected death scenes, the characters always experience

"true love" and in this all-too-realistic world, Merrick's portrayal of idealistic gay love is a wonderful escape.

Contrasting with Merrick's work is Charles Nelson's *The Boy Who Picked The Bullets Up*. This is a gritty novel which vividly reveals one man's journey through the Viet Nam war. Kurt, the central character, tells his story through correspondence to his grandmother, his friend and his former lover. Nelson succeeds in creating complex characters in a complex situation.

"I was thrust forward, my naked body bending over the cross beam. I felt hands on my ass, spreading apart my cheeks." So begins the saga of the *Savage*  Sailor. Nobody has taken credit for writing this Gaytimes Books Club masterpiece, but it is vital reading for anyone. Character development and growth is secondary to other development and growth when you read this one. (Warning: pages 78 and 79 are stuck together on the Gay Lines Library copy of this book.)

There are two possible reasons for picking up Dancer From The Dance by Andrew Holleran. The first reason is that the novel made the news in last month's AGLP. Apparently this 1978 novel is still too controversial to be sold in South Africa. The second reason is that Holleran has crafted a thought-provoking story of life at the gay discos of Fire Island. One always expects something outrageous, unusual

and perverse when reading banned book. but Holleran has simply provided an honest account of darker the side of New York in the late 1970's. Whether read to find out what the controversy

Tales City Armistead Maugin,

Gaywyck and Tales of the City, just two of the thousands of gay novels available

is about, or read for pleasure, *Dancer From The Dance* offers a haunting tale not soon forgotten.

The ultimate "curl by the fire" book must be *Gaywick* by Vincent Virga. This gothic romance, set in eerie Gaywick Manor is fully loaded with dark secrets, hidden tunnels, mysterious people in the attic and of course, passionate love.

All of these books (plus many, many more) are available at the Gay Lines Calgary Library. Drop in and sign a couple of books out and begin your Christmas reading.

If you live outside of Calgary, most of these books would be available at gay supportive book stores, some community centres and perhaps at your local public library.

# Edna's Marvellous Adventures

# Jingle Bells and Dingle Balls

By Edna Herself (that's me)

Ever since I tried to save the near-mystical goddess, Madame Zoltan, from being sucked back through a rip in the universe, the dingle-ball earrings she left behind have been begging to be worn.

You wouldn't believe the number of times I found them out of my jewelry trunk and laying on the boudoir.

I would have worn them earlier, but since the incident in the amusement park I have only been seen publicly in my delightful spider costume.

The dingle-ball earnings would clash horribly with that outfit.

It seemed quite inappropriate for me to be traipsing around at a Christmas Gala in a spider suit, so I decided to go as a Christmas elf. As I was getting ready to leave, those sneaky dingle-balls found their way out of my jewelry trunk yet again. This time they made their way all the distance to my vanity! It suprised me, but they were such nice round shiny balls and seemed perfect for any elf.

With all the finishing touches on, I was ready to don Madame Zoltan's dingle-ball clip-ons. I picked them up and felt a strange vibration, just as I had the day I met the goddess.

It didn't occur to me that something supernatural was happening.

I hesitated only a minute, closed my eyes, attached them to my dainty lobes and SHAZAM!... nothing happened. I felt the same. I opened my eyes, but being afraid to look into the mirror I concluded that I looked as wonderful as always, and that those odd little balls would undoubtedly pick up the color of my eyes. "Nice touch," I thought, and was quite content to dispense with my customary "Mirror, Mirror" routine and head straight to the party, without consulting my reflection.

Running to the limo I felt amazingly angelic and seemed almost to float. As I came out of the mansion, Joseph, my chauffeur, gave me the oddest look I have



ever seen on his face. It almost seemed to say, who are you? And what are you doing in my Mistress' house?

I thought it strange that Joseph didn't immediately recognize me since he had been in my employ for years, and certainly had seen me in far better disguises than this little thing.

"Well, what you you waiting for Joseph?" I questioned as I glided down the front stairs toward him. "It's just a costume for the big Christmas Gala".

He, somewhat startled, snapped to and the car door for me. Before long, we were off to the big event. Lost for words, Joseph commented on what a interesting Christmas elf I was, even though he hadn't recognized me.

"Oh, that is so sweet Joseph," I said, and made a note to give him a little raise. Joseph is a handsome and loyal man and I liked to see that he got a raise often.

Being a Community Christmas Gala, the community was invited and therefore the community was there. On the guest list were Nathane, the evil postman; Vivian Schwartski, with whom you are all intimately acquainted by now; Joseph, my chauffeur; Rachel, my dearest and closest friend; Jaqueline, with a 'Q' for queen; Matilda, the Jewish house assistant; and Johnny, my beloved and faithful lawyer.

In I waltzed and everyone turned to see who it was, as people always do. I heard a couple of people whispering inquiries as to my identity. "Really," I thought to myself, "my costume isn't that good, but what the hell, it should be fun."

An hour passed and no one had figured out my identity, or had come over to say hello. Not even Rachel. I began to believe that perhaps something was wrong.

The doors opened to announce the arrival of a big, burly brute of a truck driver. I gasped at the sight, something that I had never before done over any man. Something was definitely wrong, I concluded. Time for a martini.

I made quick haste to the ladies' room to have a stare in the mirror and discover just how good my costume was and why no one seemed to see through it. I should never have left the house without a glance into the mirror.

I cautiously approached the mirror, knowing that I was going to discover something that I didn't want to. What would it be? Perhaps a gross blotch in my rouge, a missing false eyelash, no lip gloss, or maybe a nasty smudge. At any rate, I couldn't stand it any longer; I had to look.

The torment was too much. I looked, prepared for a grotesque shock, but nothing could have prepared me for what I saw.

I wasn't there... Madame Zoltan was.

I screamed, and so did my Madame Zoltan reflection.

I fainted.

The next thing I remember is waking up in the arms of the big, burly brute of a truck driver as he carried me to his semi.

My dingles were dangling.

I pretended to be out, at least until I discovered that the semi was the same one that I borrowed in Butt, Montana.

This, of course meant the driver, the one whose arms carried me, was the same one I left stranded in Butt, and the one who had been writing me love letters from all over the continent.

If the sudden horror of being attracted to a man, and that man a truck driver, wasn't enough, the final shock came when I discovered that this man's name was Bruno.

The same Butt, Montana Bruno.

Time for another martini.

"Bruno honey," I choked out in my best I'm-justregaining-consciousness-voice, "put me down."

Bruno put me back on my feet but kept his arm around me, obviously worried about my balance.

He didn't know that my stabilizer heels kick in on contact with the earth.

"Are you okay, Edna?" he inquired. I was once again confused. I reached up and, sure enough, Madame Zoltan's earrings were still attached, which meant, as I had deduced, that he should be seeing Madame Zoltan. How could he have known and not everyone else?

I gently, without ceremony, pulled the goddess' dingle-balls off, but Bruno T. Driver continued to regard me with the same intensity and interest.

We skipped the Christmas Gala and went to Jake Dutch's Bar and Grill instead for those martinis I could hear crying out for a home. Something was going to have to calm my nerves. One glance in his big puppydog eyes before he lifted me into the passenger's seat sent a wave of something nice through my gorgeous body.

The Christmas music quietly chimed on the country station. We slowly passed carolers singing, pretty lights, Santa, people dragging their pine trees home through the street and last minute shoppers — everything seemed so wonderful. There were too many firsts for one day, but I was on a roll and it felt great.

Edna's Helpful Pointer Number 96: If all else fails, blame everything on Vivian Schwartski. ▼

#### COMMUNITY PROFILE

# A Woman's Place Bookstore

By Diane McMahon

A Woman's Place Bookstore carries a large selection of gay and lesbian books, and is located at 1412 Centre Street S. Phone 263–5256. The hours of operation are Monday to Saturday 10 am to 6 pm.

When I walked through the lavender door, Buddy ran up and greeted me. Behind him sat Lucky, the store's mascot with her fluffy tail and head, the rest of her body

noticeably void of hair.

The jewelry struck cabinet my eye: exquisite **Goddess** pendants, pins, and earrings. Jacquie solemnly at the computer wondering how she was going to retrieve all the data which had mysteriously disappeared the over weekend.

Looking around, I saw the largest selection of feminist-related literature in the city. What a wonderful gift! I wondered what prompted the two owners, Carolyn Anderson and Jacquie Stutt, to open the doors of A Woman's Place Bookstore nine years ago.

At that time it was hard, if not impossible, to find anyone with any business experience who would support the notion of opening a small business, let alone a feminist bookstore. Everyone knew what happened to women's bookstores. They failed dismally, or so went the belief. Carolyn and Jacquie were to prove that a fallacy in a very short period of time.

By 1982, Carolyn had been carting books around in the trunk of her car for a year, selling them at parties, workshops, and wiener roasts. Her experience as a social worker in the area of sexual abuse had almost forced the issue; there were no books to be found on the

topic and she wanted provide them for her collegues and clients. She called her car "A Woman's Place Bookstore", and it did not take long for the women's community start requesting other reading material and feminist music. Soon the inventory outgrew her trunk and she was looking for



partners and a storefront.

While curling one night, Carolyn asked Jacquie why she had been considering opening a children's shoe store. Why not a bookstore? It seemed like the perfect match; Jacquie would manage and work the bookstore while Carolyn would be an idea person to cultivate the business through her professional involvements. So against all odds, they opened the bookstore and their success of the last nine years has proved them right.

"I wanted a store that would

specifically cater to women; I wanted women to know it was a safe place to come. I didn't want it to be like any other book store." said Carolyn when asked what the store's

philosophy was. And it is not like any other store in town. The niche market Carolyn and Jacquie wanted to corner nine years ago is still a priority with them: women's issues. sexual

abuse, addictions, women's music and the largest lesbian section in the city.

Jacquie's first four or five years were spent going through the growing pains of starting a new business. What to order, how much, what areas are good, which ones needed to be cut down or cut out. She solicited as much help as she could from her customers through what they requested and suggested. The store was shaped for and through the community. This is still an ongoing practice she

encourages her staff to engage in so the store can continue to change and grow with the changing needs of her customers.

Jacquie has always loved the people aspect of the business and it shows. She has the most engaging smile and can help you sort out what often seems to be an impossible task of finding gifts. She has always loved the frequent challenge of finding a book when someone like me gives a clue like "it has the word 'strong' in the title."

She likes business to be good

but misses her people interaction, since her move to an upstairs office. "I love it although I have found that since we have gotten busier I'm not able to talk to the people, and that is really the part I have always liked."

A Woman's Place also serves as an information center for activities in the women's community. Any activities of interest to women can be found posted, or you can simply call and Jacquie, or one of her staff will be able to give you the information.

Like many small businesses, A Woman's Place is suffering from the hard economic times, although there are some exciting changes in the offing. The owners are considering a used book section, readings which would take the form of intimate evening groups where authors can share either published works or works in progress, workshops and an increase in male literature.

For the moment, there are many new attractions at the store such as the "Wish List" where you can put down what you want for a

gift or several gifts and your friends or family can come in and ask "What do you think would like?" The staff can simply look in the book.

Another new feature is the tarot card readings Saturdays. To date, these have been a great success, having women lined up waiting for a mini-reading for \$10 or a full reading for \$30. A new line of cards from

Lavender Expressions has just been introduced.

For gift ideas there are nonsexist children's books, a wide variety of fiction, poetry, self-help tapes and books, calendars, jewelry, t-shirts, women's music, recovery books and tapes, and if all else fails a gift certificate.

So what words of wisdom does Jacquie offer after nine years? From the former nurse, potential shoe store owner: "When I look back now... I think we were pretty brave."







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#### Fall Newsletter

We've had a stellar racing season so far. Of course, our race season is divided by a long dry spell. Late summer/early fall sees us hurriedly preparing for a plethora of 10K's and half marathons in the Southern Alberta region.

This is a good time to reflect on how we've been doing as runners. I've had the opportunity of meeting all of our runners and putting them through the paces, and I'm proud and pleased to say that they are all with great style. It's no secret that we're a competitive group and having a couple of medal winners from the Games, together with marathoners, and a couple of triathletes thrown in for good measure provides everyone with the enthusiasm and experience that a new club needs. Injuries have been conspicously absent for the most part; this tells me that everyone has a good style particularly concerning footstrike, proper stretching exercises, and a good knowledge about shoes.

I enjoy reading about how the other clubs are doing, but if I could change one thing, it would be to move closer to other clubs. The cameraderie that the East, the West, and the Midwest clubs experience leaves me wishing I could embark on a "road trip" to Chicago, or San Diego, or Portland... While it seems like we're on the fringe of the known universe, we are, in fact, quite close to everyone. Remember, this is the "Jet Age", and frequently I point out that it is quicker to fly to San Francisco than to drive to Edmonton Clubs like Seattle and Vancouver are one day's drive; even Minneapolis might be done in twelve to thirteen hours. As I am very interested in other clubs. I am seriously looking into "Cultural Exchanges" (read sleepovers) with our fellow frontrunners.

We have the wonderful prospect of attending the International Frontrunners Convention in Long Beach in February. I'd like to see a large Calgary contingent attending, so I guess it's my duty to make you all aware of just how much fun getting together with the other clubs can be. I remember how I felt after the Forum in Toronto five months ago; you're just not the same person. Those of you who attended the Games will know exactly what I mean; to meet others with so much in common is an incredible tonic, especially in the middle of a long Calgary winter. And the choice of location is pretty attractive to boot! So keep in mind, the Los Angeles basin beckons in 1992!!

Ken W.

#### Calgary Comes of Age

This year marked the first year ever that Calgary has had an officially proclaimed Gay Rights Week and has seen a Gay Pride Run.

The Bow River pathway provided the route for our 50 participants. The day was bright, warm, and clear, and everybody was somewhat elated. We had planned the run on the first weekend of Pride week in anticipation of the enthusiasm of the Community. By large support for the run was high, and we had a great deal of success in finding sponsors.

Being the homebodies we are, we decided to have a bake-off to bake the muffins for our post-race refreshments. Jim's muffins were judged the best, while mine finished a distant last. So now I have a whole year to bone up on muffins, as I intend to claim the Muffin Queen crown, and all its priviledges.

Pride Run '92 is now in the planning; next year, we are considering extending the race to 10k, inviting other running clubs to co-sponsor, increasing draw prizes and first place prizes. Next years goal: double the participants.

Ken W.

#### The Milk River Adventure

What do you get when you put a marathon relay in the middle of rattlesnake country? You get a lot of runners with extra motivation to run very fast. On August 4th, the Milk River Writingon-Stone Marathon relay held their inaugural race. The race was attended by nine teams and two individual entries. A.F.C.C. sent a team consisting of 4 very sleepy runners - Dan, Gene, Greg, and Jim. Sleepy best describes 4 people dragging their butts out of bed at 1:30 am to make a 7:00 am race start (Milk River is a stone throw from the U.S. border). The marathon had an exciting start with Dan giving these rural folks their first taste of race-walking. Tackling the most difficult 5 mile leg, Dan impressed us all with his very adept hill climbing skills. The second leg was run by slightly hungover Jim, who took the team from 7th to 3rd place. Leg three was run by Gene, who managed to hold his ground and gain some over the competition (he had as many margaritas Saturday night as some other unmentionable person). Being one person short for the relay, Greg bravely volunteered to run the last two legs for a total of 11.2 miles. Greg started his 1st leg (the 4th) very strong, putting even more distance between us and the team in 4th position from Lethbridge. As Greg entered his 2nd leg (the 5th and last), he was able to hold onto our lead until the Lethbridge team replaced their runner with a fresh one. Our team had a strong finish, as he, Dan and Gene crossed the finish line. Jim could be found taking out-of focus finish photos.

Here are the final results:

Dan 38:00 (5 mi) Jim 34:00 (5 mi) Gene 34:00 (5 mi) Greg 1:20:00 (11.2.mi)

We had a great time and will be definitely returning next year with at least one team. The experiment with no sleep seemed to not be too devastating, but we plan on camping and will be leaving the margarita mix at home. Oh, and by the way, we were far too fast for the rattlesnakes.

Jim Cooke

#### Running Results

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1991 Pride Run Calgary 5k run and walk

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| 3. Nicola  | 29:43   | 3. Robson  | 32:31  |
| 4. Martha  | 29:43   | 4. Andrew  | 32:33  |
| 5. Tracey  | 33:37   | 5. Craig   | 32:56  |
| 6. Kathryn   | 34:05   | 6. Ben   | 32:57  |
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#### Living In Leather

by Don Bastian Mr. Northwest Drummer '91

Living in Leather VI, hosted by the National Leather Association, was held in Chicago from October 10 through October 14, this year. The following is my personal view.

Living in Leather will always represent a mixture of unique people, thoughts, and activities, which can only be fully appreciated with an open mind and spirit.

Among the weekend events were workshops, dungeon parties, the contest for N.L.A. '92, and various welcoming parties at places such as; AA Meatmarket, Manhole, Vortex, Carol's and Touche. There also was enough cruising to fill the stairwells of the Executive House, the host hotel.

Bill Miranda Salzman was the winner of the Mr. N.L.A. '92 title and Laura Goodwin won the Ms. N.L.A. '92 title

Workshops ran from 10am -6pm in five different rooms beginning Friday and continuing through Sunday, a total of 55 in all. There was always something of interest to sit in on.

Everything from basic vocabulary or spouse abuse to blood sports were discussed and/or demonstrated. Many straight, bi and gay/lesbian "Leather" registrants were willing to talk about and explore their feelings and relationships on many topics and levels, which created an atmosphere of seriousness, self-awareness and much soul-searching.

I chaired one workshop entitled "Working with the Media" and was a panel member in two others, "Organizing your Kink" and "Community and Spouse Abuse". The first was about forming your own self-interest group and the latter gave me the opportunity to share my view with other participants on the difference between abuse and consent in

an SM relationship.

Especially well attended was a workshop called "The Need to be Taken", which explored the subject of "Consensual-non-consentuality" and dealt with "play scenes of trust" rather than discussing the "perimeters of play". For example: it is hard to play out a "rape scene" if you know you are going to be raped, but if you know and trust your partner and realize that no harm will befall you, it is possible to heighten your experience and possibly stretch your own accepted perimeters. The same can be said for any "play scene" involving the fear and excitement of a perceived danger, such as kidnapping, a walk in the woods or a visit to a tea room.

The top floor of the host hotel was converted into a leather exhibit with 29 booths ready to sell anything imaginable for a leather lifestyle.

The National Leather Association's "Living in Leather" weekend is a great way to totally immerse yourself in the lifestyle of the leather/SM/fetish community. Next year's L.I.L. weekend will also be held in Chicago.

It is my opinion that, everything that you are exposed to in this lifestyle does not need to be "bought into" as a total package. You should sample and take from the lifestyle the things that are of interest or of special "need" to you.

Please feel welcome to contact me or a member of the C.L.U.B. Calgary executive if you would like more information about the "Living in Leather VII" weekend coming up in 1992.

#### **Domestic Violence**

by the NLA

Proposed Statement on Domestic Violence

The National Leather Association (NLA) calls on the Leather/SM/Fetish community to take the lead in reducing domestic violence through education. No group is free of domestic battering and abuse, but fear, denial, and lack of knowledge have slowed public response to this serious social problem. The NLA is committed to reducing violence by attempting:

1. To show that community action can reduce domestic violence.

2. To hold batterers accountable for choosing to be violent. To encourage victims to take legal action. To deny that

drug and alcohol use excuse battering. To encourage the batterer to seek treatment and the victim to seek support.

- 3. To listen and support those who have had the courage to tell us to help them end their shame and isolation.
- 4. To educate the legal and social service system about the difference between consensual S/M and domestic violence; to encourage their appropriate intervention.
- 5. To take the responsibility for educating our community about the forms of domestic abuse and its extent and severity.
- 6. To promote information about where to get help.

Domestic abuse takes many forms: physical violence, isolation, outright or subtle psychological and emotional abuse, economic control, sexual abuse, and the destruction of personal property. Non-consensual manipulation, terror, and assault are not part of S/M. The NLA advocates relationships and friendships based on personal responsibility, honesty, and integrity - in which power and pleasure derive from mutual respect.

The National Council of the NLA approved this official position statement on Domestic Violence at its May meeting, and recommends acceptance to the Membership.

#### Calendar

December 14, Saturday - Black Christmas II, You don't want to miss this one, our annual Christmas event. Have your picture taken with Santa, enjoy the bake sale, win the leather draw or 50/50. This year a \$3.00 cover charge will be donated to the Sharp Foundation.

<u>December 17</u>, Tuesday 8:00pm - Can We Talk.

January 3, Friday - The monthly Leather & Levinight at Boystown: Metro. This is the only bar sponsored event each month and they are very will attended. It is really worth while and you should attend if you can.

<u>January 12</u>, Sunday - The New Year Recovery Brunch..

January 14, Tuesday 8:00pm Can We Talk. Beginning in Jan '92 the Can We Talk discussion group will be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

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#### THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON

# 1991 A Series of Victories

By Joey Sayer

And what a year it's been so far! Despite the fact that gays and lesbians are still not legally considered to be the equal of the rest of society, and despite the fact that heterosexism and discrimination still rage rampant, I figure that 1991 has far and away been the best year yet to be gay and Canadian and proud...

# The Rise and Decline of Gay Rights Week

Probably the single biggest event for gay Calgarians this year was Mayor Al Duerr's proclamation of Gay Rights Week last June. At that point, one or two people had one or two qualms about the proclamation being for a "rights week" rather than a "pride week", but nevertheless it turned out to be the biggest gay-related attention-grabber in Calgary's history. Gay Rights Week, coupled with this year's

rally at City Hall and the march through the downtown core, attracted some good and still more less-than-positive happenings. There was, for example, the fellow who attended the march with his two pit bulls in tow, telling police that he was "just taking his dogs out to see the homos." Sad.

Bible thumpers were out in force as well, with their getting-old-fast "Adam-and-Steve" routine, a diatribe which inspired speaker Svend Robinson to repeat comic Robin Tyler's words from Celebration '90: "It's not that I mind that they've been born again, but why did they have to come back as themselves?"

Our local mass media rag, the *Calgary Sun*, also gets bottom marks for brainwashing the public with some of their downright nasty and homophobic remarks during the weeks surrounding Gay Rights Week 1991.

All was not negative, however. Support was in fact given from a number of sources. Bev, a friend of mine who is black and who marched beside me was

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quoted on CFCN-TV as saying: "I may not be gay, but I definitely know what it means to be discriminated against." Her message rang loud and clear.

In the face of this positive reactive, it's a shame that Mayor Duerr decided not to reproclaim Gay Rights Week again in 1992, instead backing down against the unfortunately greater still negative pressure applied by such groups as the fundamentalist Christians who screamed of immorality and the unenlightened who equated Gay Rights Week with such imaginings as a hypothetical "Left-handed Lepers Rights Week" — without realizing that, unlike most lesbians and gay men, left-handed lepers have basic human rights.

It's not that I blame Mayor Duerr, mind you, or that I accuse him of hypocrisy or homophobia. Among other results of his proclamation, his family received threats of violence and this, it seems, was one of the main reasons he decided not to proclaim a second Gay Rights Week.

Duerr did, however, experience a small taste of homophobia himself, and with any luck it has left him a little bit wiser and a little more aware of what the gay community faces on a day-to-day basis.

And in the final analysis, it doesn't really matter. Gay Rights/Gay Pride Week looks at this point to be firmly entrenched in Calgary, and it will endure, whether government-sanctioned or not.

We do owe Mayor Duerr a debt of thanks for bringing the issue of gay rights to the forefront. He managed to increase awareness, and that, for now, is what's really important.

#### The Birth of the AGLP

On a slightly more personal note, yet on one that is affecting a growing number of Albertans including everyone who is reading this very column, 1991 saw the birth of serious, nationally-recognized gay and lesbian press in Alberta. Although its precursor, *Modern Pink Magazine*, had been around for two years previously; with the advent of the *Alberta Gay and Lesbian Press* last March, we managed a respectability never before achieved by a gay-related periodical in Alberta, and we soon became the only source of international, gay-related news in western Canada.

From its humble beginnings as a newsletter for Lesbian and Gay Youth Calgary, AGLP has grown

into a forum in which all Albertans are encouraged to participate, and in which we can all feel a certain sense of pride.

#### Joey Experiences Computer Magic

Something else interesting (to me, anyways) happened several months ago: *AGLP* got itself a modem for its computer system and I stumbled across the Underground Empire.

Now, as a disclaimer, I should let you know that I am thoroughly computer illiterate. I took me years to learn how to operate a pocket calculator and I've been known to destroy the *AGLP* laser printers from twenty paces. Thus, anything I happen to say in computerese should be taken with a grain or two of salt (half the Dead Sea would not be excess).

At any rate, back to the topic at hand. The Underground Empire is Calgary's premier gayoriented computerized Bulletin Board Service. (Finally, I found out what BBS meant. I was too embarrassed to ask anyone in the know.)

Computer bulletin boards are these neato systems whereby people can chat with each other, leave messages back and forth and do a whole lot of other fascinating stuff that I have no idea about now but will hopefully find out about sometime in the future.

These BBS's can provide a huge range of fun stuff, from public debates to private conversations to forums for opinion to a Personals section not unlike that at the back of *AGLP* to a message area entitled "Hot Stuff" (where lately an interesting ongoing conversation has popped between a diaper fetishist and a self-styled transvestite male dominatrix).

On a less frivolous note (and I suppose I'm going to get into trouble for calling transvestite domination frivolous, but oh well), the Underground Empire and its various message areas can perform much the same function as *AGLP*, only on a more local, computerconscious level.

So, if you get a chance, have your computer give the Underground Empire's computer a call at 249–2672 and let them do the chat thing. Oh, and tell Dennis, the Underground Empire's SysOp (technobabble for System Operator) that I sent you.

#### Military Gays

Nineteen Ninety-One also saw rise to the continuing saga of whether or not to allow gay men and lesbians into the Canadian Armed Forces.

Up until recently, the answer to this issue was a resounding "No!" The rationale was that homosexuals (brief aside: isn't it interesting how dated the word "homosexual" seems to have become?) were a security risk: it was argued that revealing that a person was gay could be used as blackmail, and that enemy forces could thus gain access to priveleged information. Or some such nonsense. This, despite about ninety-five percent of the military being ordinary, working-class soldiers for whom "top-secret information" remains pretty much the stuff of legend; and despite the fact that countless thousands of gays and lesbians have passed through the ranks of the military without anyone so much as suspecting a thing.

That these same countless thousands have served their country as bravely and as efficiently as any other soldiers had no bearing on the opinion that they were unfit to wear the uniform.

But times change. The Nineties are the years of Outing, and, as sad as it is to say, it has alreadly become somewhat old hat, and homosexuality is no longer a reason to discriminate. If you're gay, chances are that Michelangelo Signorile is about to tell the world anyways. And the people in power are being pretty much forced to accept that the service records of gay men and lesbians are no different that anyone else's.

So, grudgingly, the policies have started to change, marking an incredible victory for our side. Oh, they're still saying that gays will be a problem because the other enlisted men and women will get all upset and start making trouble; but that, I think, will not prove to be a particularly great worry. For the time being, it looks like lesbians and gays will be a part of our armed forces, and we will have climbed up another rung in our quest for equality.

#### Joey's New Job

The last interesting thing I want to mention that happened to me in 1991 was that I got a promotion to a new position in my real, day-to-day, bring-home-the-bread job. (You didn't seriously think I made a

living writing Thank You and Good Afternoon, did you?)

One nice thing is that I think that being gay helped me get the promotion — or, if not, it certainly didn't hinder me. I work in a place where my union has come up with a Collective Agreement with management which states, pure and simple, that you just can't discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

When I went for my interview, I decided to throw caution to the wind and put this clause to the test. Much of the experience I've gained which was pertinant to the new job was as a result of my volunteer experience within the gay community. Part of the job required working with and programming for adolescents; as such, my years on the executive board of Lesbian and Gay Youth Calgary were a valuable training ground. Also, being copy editor for the *AGLP* was certainly not unimportant. I brought all this, and more, up at the interview, and I walked away kicking myself for being too open for my own good.

Obviously, however, it turned out to be a good thing: I got the job, after all.

But even more importantly, I felt I had proven something, if only to myself. Exactly what, I'm not absolutely certain, but something good and powerful.

Now, I realize that this will not be the situation in most cases — people still lose their job on many occasions for the "crime" of being gay — but let this story stand as an example that things can change. My new job is proof.

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As I stated earlier in this column, 1991 for me has been marked by a series of victories, some highlights of which have been related in the preceding anecdotes.

It's been a year where it's felt good to be gay, Canadian and proud of our accomplishments.

It's been a year where strides have been made in our battle for equal rights, and where we've learned not only the importance and value of communicating, but how to do so.

Gay Rights Week. The Alberta Gay and Lesbian Press. The Underground Empire. Gay and Lesbian Soldiers. Gay-related Job Qualifications.

I just can't wait for 1992.

THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON --Joey. ▼



# THE VIDEO REPORT

#### **TOP TEN GENERAL TITLES**

- 1. DANCES WITH WOLVES
- 2. TRUE COLORS
- 3. THE HARD WAY
- 4. TRUTH OR DARE
- 5. SWITCH
- 6. ONE GOOD COP
- 7. CADENCE
- 8. A KISS BEFORE DYING
- 9. THE DOOR
- 10 THE GODFATHER PART 3

#### **TOP 10 ADULT TITLES**

- 1. LUST
- 2. CHAIN REACTIONS
- 3. STRAIGHT TO BED
  - 4. SEX IN TIGHT PLACES
  - 5. JUNIOR CREW
  - 6. THE SIZE COUNTS
  - 7. LOADED
  - 8. LUNCH HOUR
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A wide variety of apples available for your festive soirees. Invite one or invite them all. It doesn't really matter; they all turn to sauce sooner or later. Merry Christmans to one and all!

The Apple Sisters

East Kootenays GWM; 26, 6 ft, dirty blonde hair, blue eyes, 160 lbs, athletic and fit, my friends say attractive. I enjoy weight training, photography, wrestling, writing poetry, and the martial arts. When I'm with someone special I like quiet walks, and mature intelligent converstaion. I have strong values and I am caring, honest, and genuine. I can also be lighthearted and possess a sense of humour. I believe the best types of relationships are those that are based on a friendship as well. Today, trust and playing it safe are more important than ever before. If you share some of these beliefs and qualities then I would like to hear from you. Reply with phone #. mailing address and photo if possible to AGLP Box 158.

Ty: I love you in vinyl! You look just like my couch – it's a fold-out too!

Love, Zsa

Madge, Mabel and Ernestine each gave you the latest Gordon Merrick novel for your birthday. Why not donate one of them to the Gay Lines Calgary Library. 234–8973.

**Don't do** – drugs, smoking, hiking, hockey, sports on T.V., head games, attitude or depression.

Do Do – family, friends, and my favourite past time enjoying life. That encludes good food, social drinking, occasional outings besides only the bar. Like to dance, laugh, look forward to trips, but also look forward to a great set of shoulders to share my fireplace and maybe more...

Will Do – I am a GWM mid 30's would like to be somewhat romantic before hitting the sheets. So? – If you are 25 to 40 have a name, a phone number, have a stunning picture of self (clothes optional, but a smile a must!) then Is say Risk It. You never know I could be just the right one to meet "Mom". O.K., O.K. Don't push it. Look forward to your reply. Hugs for now. Respond to AGLP Box 157.

Intellegent, closeted male, 39, seeks similar male, to about 35, for potential relationship. I live an otherwise full and satisfying life, with diverse friends (predominantly straight), and numerous interests (especially Fine Art). My fetish is for a youthful partner with a slim boyish build; in contrast, I have a more developed body, somewhat hairy, and a handsome beard. (I've "distinguished" called looking?!). If you think we might be compatable, and you are a nonsmoker, then please get in touch.

Thanks! AGLP Box 113.

Dear Pencil Dick: So that was you! I thought I recognized the toothpick-like quality. Who needs a Water Pik?

**XOXO Gary** 

ALEX! Where are you? Looking for long lost buddy, nicknamed "Alex" but real name is "Gillies". Moved to Calgary in the late fall of 1987 from Wainwright. Was in the army together there. Speaks both English and French, moustache, brown eves but sometimes wears blue contacts. Very straight looking, loves to play pool. Anyone know where he is? Or any info? Reply to AGLP Box 135.

A & R's "thing" is just a figment of your imagination! That is if you still have a functioning brain.

Paul: I hear you fuck like a St. Bernard! Call me sometime when I'm in heat.

Love, FiFi

Paul: You give me "chicken" bumps.

Love, Foghorn Leghorn

Dear Edna (of Edna's Marvellous adventures): Thank you for having coffee and lunch with me last

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week. I had a great time. I really enjoyed your article in the November AGLP, and I would love to see you in that Axe Man outfit you borrowed from the guy at the amusement park. Of course my dear, you would look marvellous in any outfit.

Hugs and Kisses, GS

Ty: Merry Christmas - Try not to look like the pudding this year.

Love, Z.Z.

Masculine male, 26, professional, enjoys adventure travel. whitewater rafting, tennis. swimming, workouts, theatres. seafoods, creative writing, sci-Seeks other fi/action movies. males. Must be non-smoking, straight acting, emotionally stable, athletic, masculine and have a good sense of humour. No barhoppers, druggies or couchpotatoes. Discretion and sincerity assured and expected. adventurous and reply with photo if possible. Respond to AGLP Box 146.

I am a GWF in my mid 20's who is in search of a special relationship. Is there a beautifully feminine gay woman out there who is vibrant, caring, sensitive, intelligent and romantic? If so, then I am happy that you are reading this ad because I am similiar. I enjoy many activities such as long walks. skiing, tennis, music, movies, learning and sharing special moments! If you would like to respond, I would appreciate a recent photo (Returnable upon request) and a phone number. I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks! Reply to AGLP Box 148.

GWM, 30, 6' tall, blue eyes, good looking, slim, muscular. Would like to meet GOM under 25 for discrete frienship. I do weights, squash, biking, foreign ` movies. restaurants.... If you have

picture, send it. If not, that is O.K. Will answer all replies. Respond to AGLP Box 149.

GWM, a positive thinking fitness fanatic, who loves bodybuilding, bicycling, running and downhill skiing looking for a similarly active athletic type around Edmonton (my home) or Calgary. I'm in my late thirties, 5'6", 170 lbs. Prefer a masculine, muscular, outdoorsloving man. Respond to AGLP Box 151.

Bob G.:

check one

☐ In the trunk ☐ Upstairs

The one with the paper bag

non-existant

none of the above – I'm meeting the palm sisters later!

Do You Have An Extra ? The AIDS Network of Edmonton is looking for the following items for our office and for the individuals we serve: For the AIDS Network: T.V., V.C.R., microwave oven, bookcases, refrigerator, bed/cot. For our clients: winter clothes (boots, parkas, sweaters, mitts, scarves), blankets, small appliances (toasters. kettles. household cleaning irons), materials, food staples (nonperishable), personal hygiene products, Depend undergarments, Ensure Plus Liquid Food Product, coffee/end talbes, lamps. If you can donate any of these items, please call Anne at 424-4767.

Dear Kenny: Do you know Ted Turner?

**Spoiled Brat** 

Attractive G/W/M, 32, 6'1", brown hair/blue eyes, moustache, hairy chest, hopes to meet good looking G/W/M couples for discrete. pleasurable encounters. Send

telephone #, description and photo (if possible) to AGLP Box 156.

GWF, older, honest, sincere, fun loving, attractive, feminine, likes outdoors, hiking, camping, some sports, keeping fit, dinners out, music, would like to meet similiar for friendship and possible long term relationship. Would like to hear from you. Respond to AGLP

Dennis the Catskinner, enjoyed meeting you. Will be in town Jan. 16 thru 22, where can I contact you ??? Respond to AGLP Box 154.

Chad

I need a person to edit a gay book either by the use of a dictaphone or a tape recorder. It must be typed. I will pay \$500. Repond to AGLP Box 152.

Squid, Thanks for being a sounding board **XOXO Walrus** 

"She'll be comin' round the Mountain\* The New Rouge II Better than ever.

Love Ya, Louise

B.: My boots need a good washing - Any ideas?

Just Kidding, Gary

"In The Moon Of Wintertime..." Rocky Mountain Singers borrowed these words from the Huron Carol to name our seasonal concert. Let us help you get into the Chistmas spirit! Please join us a 8 pm. on Friday, December 6, at Wesley United Church in the heart of the Beltline. Get your tickets now from choir members or phone 242-0081. Non-perishable donations to the Food Bank are welcome.

Recently out GM, early 20's, sincere, honest, caring. Seeking a few good friends. I am tired of meeting insincere and pretentious guys. I enjoy good conversation, dancing. long walks, alternative literature, live theatre, dining out and, the other good things in life. I'd like to meet someone who is intelligent, sincere & fun-loving. If you enjoy quiet evenings, sharing feelings and romantic getaways, please write. Photo appreciated. Box 20239, Bow Valley RPO, Calgary, AB, T2P-4L2.

**Young** Chubby Chaser Delight - Write!

AGLP Box 159.

I never thought of myself as the "personals" type of guy until ! came out five weeks ago to my family and friends. Suddenly, after 16 years of suppression, I can live a gay life. The problem is I have no one to discover this with. If you are into casual unsafe sex, dependency of any type, or believe that gay is synonymous with feminine please don't write. However, for the rest of you, I am a 25 year old gay white male, 6 feet tall, 180 lbs with brown hair blue eyes. If you are interested in knowing more, write me about yourself and enclose a picture if possible. Respond to AGLP Box 160.

Gay Books. We want them. 234-8973.

Are you a Marge?

**XOXO pour Marge** 

Ellie: Keep those eight hands off

**XOXO** the Walrus

Appearing Now! The three faces of Justine. Red, Black 'n' Blue. A

new look at an old face! (Or is this an old face with a new look!)

Oh! Flo - you old Boot,

### **CENSORED!**

XXOO, Gamma Gary

Are you looking for a fun and friendly way to improve your musical skills? Why not join the women and men of Rocky Mountain Singers as we prepare for our best production ever: a joint concert with the Vancouver Men's Chorus in June. Our first prctice of 1992 is on January 7 and 7:30pm. Support members (non-singers) are welcome too!

Dark, handsome, masculine male, 31 seeks mature, responsible, and trustworthy male between 27 and 40 to share one bedroom aprtment downtown hi-rise opposite Olympic Park Plaza. I work as a Lab Technologist at a major hospital. I have a membership at Eau Claire Y. I enjoy playing classical violin, having friends over for dinner, going to concerts and movies and eating out, and I also really like going to Boys' Town and dancing my brains out. I'm looking for someone who can hold his own in the straight world without being a geek in more avante garde circles. I would prefer someone who naturally feels comfortable as a top, although the ability to spread 'em occasionally would be an added bonus, and I generally am attracted to men between 5'10" and 6'2" or so (I'm 5'10"). I'm really interested only in someone with normal values, normal ambitions, normal strengths and normal weaknesses, If you feel it is your destiny to change the world, if your life tends to attract constant and unfathomable drama, or if you are into some big-time and bizarre fettish, spare us both, please. But if you're looking to cuddle up with someone basically peachy, who

can handle your hurts, fears, tears, emotions and pretensions and who will stand up to you when you are wrong or unreasonable without compromising respect for you; if you are searching for a soul-mate that can fully resonate your joy, respond to your innocence, and cradle your inner essence; and if you believe in mutual vulnerabilty and all-out loyaly despite the occasional fuck-ups. I'm game if you are. Let's go for a drink and talk, man... Respond to AGLP Box 153.

And on, and on, and on, and on, and on, and on, and on...

Bitch with sore fingers!

Dominant GWM, 33, 6'4", 195 lbs, is looking for a guy(s) who are into or curious about the tickling scene. How much fingertip/ feather foot/pit/ rib tickling can you endure before breaking down and giving into this experienced guy. This is hot safe, sane, consentual fun. Great for those submissives who would like to try bondage but are not into pain. No experience necessary, only ticklish feet. For those 18 – 36 and interested in hot fun write to me at CMMV Enterprises, Box 24089, Calgary, AB, T2P 4K6.

Yes Paul: If it was smothered in "Lik-m-Aid", I might suck it till it tasted like that toothpick dick I remember!

Yuk! Yuk! Gary

Quiet, mature lesbian or gay man wanted to share my house. You'd have the top level of my 2 level bungalow. Lots of space & privacy. \$375 a month incl. utilities. Avail. January 1. Call Lynn at 285–1676

Get your kicks on Route 66! The trail between Ty's thighs just past the toll booth!

Big Red Buffalo Butt: Still want to smoke the piece pipe in my teepee?

**XOXO Lost Tooth Today** 

We are looking for a roommate. If you're non-smoking, neat and tidy, professional male who would like to rent a room in our home. Rent is \$350/month, \$200 D/D. Also you must like dogs. Call 279-8783.

Large two bedroom suite upstairs of house, available Dec. 15 / Jan. 1. One or couple (women) preferred but will consider quiet man. Call 240-3673.

If that's not a sexist remark, I don't know what is!

Merry Christmas to all my wonderful friends. Have a great New Year.

Franklin.

Merry Christmas to Snookie and Faith and Daddy.

From Pookie, lone, and Daddy.

Roommate wanted to share 3 bedroom apartment at Radisson Heights. Gay, lesbian or straight. Close to Franklin LRT Station. Rent is \$193 or \$250. D/D is \$200. For more information please call 235-1204. You will like the place and location.

To my glorious fans,

This month only, along with a response to your wonderful letters (and extravagant gifts) I will be sending along a glorious tube of fuschia lipstick as a Christmas bonus.

> Love and Kisses **Edna Herself Merry Christmas**

Handsome, healthy GWM, 30something, 6"3", 165 lbs, light brown curly hair, blue eyes. Sincere, affectionate, intelligent. Looking for someone to share the more important things in life; caring, sharing, cuddling, caressing, kissing, planning, hoping, travel, bike rides, quiet dinners at home as well as socializing with good friends. I'd like to meet someone who shares these values and isn't afraid to share emotional intimacy. Reply with photo, if possible, and phone number or address to AGLP Box 141 (Edmonton).

GWM, very late 30s, 5'9", 160 lbs. trim beard and moustche, well educated, fit, a good mix of seriousness and humor, with a smile that doesn't wipe off easily. Searching for a companion and more but only based on time and trust. Looking to share your interests as well as mine, including live theatre, long walks, music, get-aways to mountains, cooking, cross-country, travel, swimming, farmer's market and cappuccino Saturday mornings, foreign movies, art, reading and warming toes against fireplaces. If you are also fit, outgoing, affectionate, put people before things and have a zest for life and a desire to share it, please reply to AGLP Box 122. (Edmonton)

Gay male roommate wanted for December 1, December 15 or January 1, whichever is more convenient. In south west, near downtown, \$262.50/ month. Call 229-2974.

Gay men interested in forming a mutual support group, based on male spirituality, healthy affirmative community, and friendship. Call Brian at 283-5050 or Peter at 242-4914.

Boyishiy handsome but shy GWM with philosophical bent and corny sense of humor would like to find a big brother/ best friend to share intimacy and experience with. I am slim, dark-haired, mustachioed; I prefer masculine, well-built, straight acting, bighearted men, 20-40. Some religious and musical sensibility would be an asset. Will exchange photos if desired. Reply to AGLP Box 131.

I just wanted to let all of Calgary know that Twiggy did not mention me in her ball programme.

Signed Bitter Marie. P.S. Ty, what's your room number at the Red Deer General? Hope your operation is a success.

GWM would like to meet someone with glasses or red hair. Send photo to AGLP Box 128.

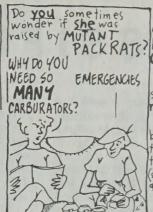
Male couple accepting applications for houseboy/ caretaker. Duties responsibilities will be adjusted to full or part time position. Applicant must understand "boy" role in a leather lifestyle and submit a resume complete with photo for interview. Reply to AGLP Box 132.

Are the any women interested in forming a leather group in the Calgary area? Please reply to AGLP Box 144.

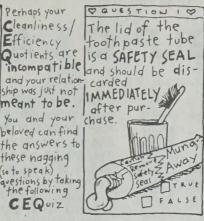
Edmonton GWM, 25 years, 5'9", 150 lbs, brown hair, green eyes, athletic and in shape. Looks and acts straight, seeks similar male who is honest and sincere with a great sense of humour and a flair adventure. Looks intelligence certainly count, but easy going personality and a zest for life a must. No hang-ups, please. Reply to AGLP Box 126.

# THE CHOSEN FAMILY





Perhaps your Cleanliness/ Efficiency ship was just not meant to be. You and your beloved can find the answers to these nagging (so to speak) avestions by taking the following CEQUIZ











Add up your individual scores, TRUE = 1 pt. FALSE=2pts. then check your point spread.

#### POINT SPREAD

- O A perfect match! 1-3 More than sex. fidelity, money + your ex-husband combined + his will be a source of conflict. Good luck!
- 4.5 She drives you crazy, doesn't she? Give serious thought to living apart and remember - it's nobody's fault \*



Statistically speaking ... 1 in 10 cartoon characters is gay, right? So... in my search for potential partners, I ask



Sure, there are lots of lesbign characters in dyke strips and that's great! But what about our opressed, closeted brothers and sisters ... hopelessly trapped in mainstream cartoons ??













GM, 24 yrs, 5'11", 175 lbs, new to Calgary. Looking for friendly, handsome and hot & sexy GWM for friendship and maybe relationship if you have a nice body. Please reply to AGLP Box 147.

GWF, Early 30's, looking for friendship & possible long term relationship. If you're creative, fun-loving, aspire to quiet, romantic evenings & a healthy outlook on life, then let's get together. Respond in confidence to AGLP Box 125.

18 year-old, tall, blond, skinny, queer bass player seeks other seditious, queer, teen Edmontonian musicians to form band. Gender not important. Drummer needed BADLY. No experience necessary. I write my own material, and am open to a variety of musical styles and innovations. I am not, however, into doing a messload of "cover tunes". Those interested should write me at my P.O. Box, Box 48059, St. Albert, AB, T8N 5V9.

Looking for fun, older, recently out lesbian. Looking for others to enjoy things with. No couch potatoes, please. Non-Smoker. AGLP Box 136.

H.: Stay off the pool table and out of the washroom or I will start writing about you.

Thanx, Gary

GWM seeks rendezvous with future lover or friend. Who am I? Well, I am not He-Man, a model or a party animal (bars and dances unnerve me -- hence the ad). I am a quiet, bright, articulate professional. I am 38, 5'9", healthy with thinning hair, build like a kid and look about 30. I like golf, bridge, travel, skiing, movies,

hiking, etc. What do I seek? A man. One who is a non-smoker, HIV-negative, in somewhat decent shape (anywhere from Boy to Tarzan) [If you're 21 - 45, my height or taller, and not too furry, even better.] Why answer this ad? For spine tingling chills? Hardly - I'm not into sky diving, drugs, shark fighting or unsafe sex. To be swept off you feet? Nope, the room won't light up when I walk in and I'd probably drop you anyway. So why? Because I can offer:

honesty, integrity, a listening heart, quiet wit, commitment and maybe some fun times, good sex and a few annoying faults to round things off. I will run this ad for two months and answer all replies. AGLP Box 139.

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